Sl. No	Year	Name of Scheme	Amount spent (Rupees in Lakhs)
		(ii) Monthly scholarships to Engineering, Medical and Management students	0.12
3	2003-04	(i) Monthly scholarships to Engineering, Medical, Management and 10+ITI students.	2 76

* Population of village consists of approximately 30% of SC/ST category

** Strength of School consists of approximately 40% of SC/ST/OBC category

*** Details of SC/ST/OBC population not available. However, the facility is being utilized by poor patients of rural areas residing in Sringeri and the far flung hilly terrains of Malnad villages in Chikmanglur District of Karnataka.

Strategic oil reserves

2192. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to build strategic oil reserves aimed at ensuring energy security for the country;

(b) whether Government are considering other options also like securing more oil equity overseas; and

(c) whether a Group of Ministers on Integrated Energy Policy is weighing alternate options and if so, the terms of reference?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) It has been decided to build strategic storage of crude oil of 5 million metric tonne (MMT) capacity. This storage would be in addition to the existing storage of crude oil and petroleum products with the oil companies and would provide emergency response mechanism to oil supply disruptions.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government has set up a committee under the Chairmanship of Minister of Power and with Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas as Co-Chairman to address issues relating to Energy Policy. The Committee would go into short, medium and long-term policies and review such policies ranging across sectors, fuels and regions to enhance the country's energy security.